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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of: Tomohiko SHIBATA, Keiichiro ASAI, Yukinori NAKAMURA  
and Mitsuhiro TANAKA

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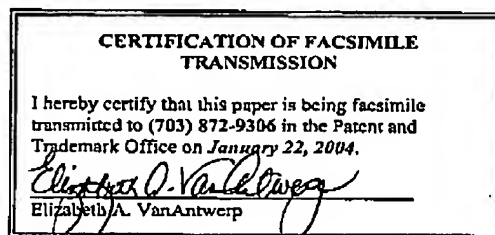
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**AMENDMENT\***

Sir:

Prior to examination of the RCE on the merits, please amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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\* An RCE is being contemporaneously filed herewith.